

# The Bloomfield Record.

## Remarkable Electrical Phenomena.

The night of July 7-8, 1875, will be long remembered in Switzerland for thunderstorms, several of them of almost unexampled severity. Of these, one that broke over Geneva was unprecedentedly severe and disastrous. It appears to have originated to westward, in the department of Ain, and took an easterly course up the valley, of the Rhone to Geneva, on reaching which it spread over a wider area, and thence directed its course over Savoy. As midnight came on, though the heat was suffocating and not a breath of wind stirred below on the streets, light objects on the roofs of the houses began to be whirled about and carried off as by a tempest of wind. At the same time a dull rumbling sound, resembling neither that of wind nor that of thunder, announced the approach of the thunderstorm, and at 12 midnight exactly it burst over Geneva in all its fury. An avalanche of enormous hailstones, with no trace of rain, was precipitated from the sky, and shot against opposing objects by a tempest of wind from the south west. In a moment the street lamps were extinguished, and in a brief interval incredible damage was inflicted, the glass and tiles of houses smashed to powder, trees stripped of their bark on the side facing the west, and crops of every sort were, in many places, but totally destroyed. The smallest of the hailstones were the size of hazel nuts, many were as large as walnuts and chestnuts, and some even as large as hen's eggs. Some of the hailstones measured four inches in diameter, and six hours after they fell weighed upwards of 100 lbs. For the most part the hailstones were of a flatish or lenticular form, with a central nucleus of 0.16 to 0.40 inch diameter, developed in several concentric layers of ice, generally from 6 to 8 alternately transparent and opaque. A map has been printed in the *Journal de Geneve*, showing the districts where the storm was felt as well as the degree of its intensity in each locality. The electrical phenomena were very remarkable; the flashes of lightning succeeded each other with such rapidity, from midnight till a few minutes after 1 o'clock in the morning, that a count of from 2 to 3 were counted each second, or from 8,000 to 10,000 per hour. Electrical phosphorescence was remarkably intense before and during the hail. The ground, animals, prominent objects, as well as the hailstones, were strongly phosphorescent. Immediately after the hail, ozone was greatly developed, the smell being so pronounced as to be compared, by nearly all observers, to garlic. The incessant electrical discharges passed from cloud to cloud over a central point from which the hail fell, but thunder was very rarely heard.—*Nature*.

## Brigham Young on Co-operation.

Brigham Young addressed the Mormon Conference at Salt Lake on the 8th inst., on the subject of co-operating together. Their people, he said, purchased many things, and among other things they bought tobacco that they should raise in their country, which was adapted to it. The ladies were in the habit of wearing silk, and therefore should raise and spin silk, instead of purchasing it from abroad. A lady with three girls, he said could make more money at raising silk than a man with three boys could make with a farm raising wheat. Young then gave some practical instruction to the ladies in regard to taking charge of their domestic concerns. From \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 might be made with silkworms annually. He referred to the drinking of beer, tea, and coffee, and said that they might be used when needed, and when persons knew how to use things judiciously they understood the spirit of the word of wisdom. He referred to merchandising, reviewed its operations in this country in the past, spoke of the amount of money which different parties had made in that business, and said that the co-operative institution had been organized so that the people might share in its benefits, and it was their duty to sustain it. Many people would waste their means, and yet refrain from assisting an elder to go on his mission. He recommended the farmers to sell what produce they have to dispose of to the co-operative institution, where they could get as much for it as other merchants would give them. The world did not realize what times were at the doors of the people. The building up of the kingdom of God incorporated and comprised the whole man, irrespective of his calling or business, there being no difference between the temporal and spiritual things of life. He referred to a prayer for the Mormon people offered up in secret by Mrs. Grant during the late visit of the President to Salt Lake City, and said that he hoped she would be blessed and her prayers answered, inasmuch as they were in accordance with the spirit of the Lord.

## One Hundred Years Ago.

In view of the proposition made that, at our approaching centennial, we adopt the costumes of a century ago, it is pleasant to know that those costumes were becoming to the wearers. The gentleman in those days wore when he went out, a wig, white stock, white satin embroidered waistcoat, black satin small clothes, with white silk stockings, and fine broadcloth or velvet coat. At home instead of his wig, he had on a velvet cap, and sometimes a fine linen one under it, and his coat gave place to gown, frequently of colored damask lined with silk, while fancy colored slippers covered his feet. A gentleman's snuff-box was as indispensable as the cigar is now, and courtesy was shown in taking the weed in this form with a friend. Ladies wore those elegant silk and brocade dresses which are still so much admired, and their hair dressed with powder and pomatum, was elevated much higher above their heads than the most soaring and ambitious locks of their fair descendants of to-day. The clergy wore wigs, gowns and bands in the pulpit, and the good hats which they wore in the street distinguished them from their brethren of to-day, whose white cravats sometimes make it difficult to distinguish them from the hotel waiters or ordinary diners out. The houses, in those days, with their spacious halls and ample fire-places and stairways, were very suggestive of solid comfort. The punch-bowl was a notable article in families of substantial means, and its contents a customary treat for company. Hotels on the scale of our modern caravansaries were unknown; but there were taverns and coffee houses where a good deal of solid comfort could be secured. In fact, our forefathers believed in comfort, and would be astonished to see what a scramble their descendants make of life.

## SILENT ROMANCE OF A LONDON STREET.

Norfolk street, Strand, has a curious commemorative monument. An observant spectator will notice that the first floor windows of large house at the corner of Howard street present a peculiar appearance. The shutters are up, and they are covered thickly with dust, whilst through the chinks can be seen the blinds, also thick with dust, and mouldering away with age. Those shutters and blinds have been in exactly the same position, untouched, for about fifty years. During that time no human foot, it is believed, has entered that room. And the reason is this: "Fifty years ago a certain nobleman was engaged to be married; the day was fixed, the wedding morning arrived, the breakfast was laid out in that spacious and handsome room, the bridegroom was ready to proceed to the church, when it was discovered that the bride was missing; a note in her handwriting was found addressed to the bridegroom, briefly informing him that she had eloped that morning with his 'best man,' a gay and gallant Captain of Dragoons. The eloped bridegroom did not say much, but he went alone to the room in which the wedding breakfast was laid out, with his own hands put up the shutters and drew the blinds, locked the door and took the key. He gave orders that the doors should be nailed up and barred with padlocked bolts, and that no one should enter the room again. When the house was let it was stipulated that the room in question should remain untouched, and a sum of £200 per annum was paid to the tenant to compensate him for the deprivation of the use of the room. The nobleman has been dead some years, but it is believed the room has never been entered since the day he closed it, and there are the 'wedding morn' noddling away, and the ornaments, crumpling into dust in the funeral gloom.

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